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(c) if so, the details thereof;
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ANSWER

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(a):Based on the information received from the office of Director General of Mine Safety (DGMS),the number and nature of accidents (fatal/serious) along with the number of persons died in various coal mines of Chhattisgarh during last the three years and the current year are as under :

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